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Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add claims 25 and 26, as follows:

25. In an adapter ring for aligning a segmented inner barrel of a stationary gas turbine engine in concentric relation to a rotor member, a land region of the rotor member extending within the adapter ring, the improvement comprising:

(a) a cavity for receiving a brush seal ring of a brush seal being oriented for sealing proximate the land region of the rotor member; and

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(b) a face surface having a plurality of threaded fastener openings therein for securing a retainer plate in overhanging relation to the cavity, thereby to hold the brush seal ring in fixed relation concentric with the inner barrel.

26. A method for generating electrical power comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing the improved power plant of claim 11; and
- (b) monitoring an operating parameter of the power plant.

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are in this application. By this amendment, claims 25 and 26 have been added. No new matter is added.

Support for the new claim 25 is found in the specification at page 10, the paragraph continuing on page 11, and in claims 9 and 10 as originally presented. Support for the new claim 26 is found in claims 1 and 20 as originally presented.

Respectfully submitted,

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